Notice to Prospective Offerors Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant Decontamination and Decommissioning Project Request for Proposals Solicitation Number: DE-RP30-09CC40017

The Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Environmental Management (EM) released the Request for Proposals (RFP) No. DE-RP30-09CC40017 for the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant (GDP) Decontamination and Decommissioning (D&D) Project on June 24, 2009. This Notice serves as follow-up clarification to an August 14, 2009, Notice to all interested potential offerors.

DOE will issue two near-term amendments that address the increased funding profile and natural uranium hexafluoride transfer, along with revised proposal submission dates. Amendment #2 will revise the proposal submittal dates. Amendment #3 will provide a new Section H clause requiring the D&D contractor to conduct competitions for the sale and transfer of excess uranium assets to licensed uranium entities on a periodic basis. The expectation will be for the D&D contractor to prepare a post-award plan describing the procedures to be utilized for the sale and transfer of the uranium assets.

The following anticipated schedule is provided for informational purposes only:

- 1. Release Draft RFP Amendment on or around August 28th, 2009.
- 2. Receive comments from prospective offerors within 10 days, on or around September 10, 2009.
- 3. Issue Final RFP Amendment on or around September 18, 2009.
- 4. Receive first staggered proposal sections on or around September 25, 2009.
- 5. Receive remaining proposal sections on or around October 19, 2009.

DOE does not intend to require offerors to provide a plan describing the procedures to be utilized for the sale and transfer of the uranium asset in their proposals. Instead, offerors will need to affirm their intention to provide, post-award, for the capability to accept the uranium, either directly or through a subcontractor. DOE intends to retain the current evaluation criteria, but will include consideration of the approach proposed by offerors to accelerate GDP D&D completion schedule in light of the increased funding profile assumption to \$400 million dollars annually for the first three years of the period of performance. DOE's intent is to minimize major rework by prospective offerors on proposal development efforts to date and reach award by Third Quarter FY2010.

The majority of RFP questions to date have been answered and posted to the procurement website. Any questions that require formal revisions to the RFP will be addressed in an amendment.

Offerors shall submit all questions regarding this Notice via e-mail to PortsmouthD&D@emcbc.doe.gov.